

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, August 31, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center**  
**1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Richard Staube, Ron Leino, Bill Fennessey. Others present – Jerry Moe, Tracy Ruppe, Tyler Edwards, Michele Wick, Mary Martin, Jaime McMeekin, Mark Fruehauf, Amber Popplewell, Sharon Dembroski, Sheila Keup, Mark Liebaert, Kaci Lundgren, Kendra Schmidt, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Fennessey, second Leino, to approve the July 28, 2022, meeting minutes. Fennessey requested correction to minutes as he was not listed as present. Motion carried.

**Updates and Reports:**

**Child Support:** S. Dembroski: down two staff members.

**Circuit Court Branch I:** M. Martin: reported no changes

**Circuit Court Branch II:** Not present.

**Clerk of Courts:** M. Wick: down one person hoping to interview next week.

**Court Commissioner:** A. Popplewell: very busy.

**District Attorney:** M. Fruehauf: fully staffed

**Emergency Management:** D. Sletten: working on grants, working with City of Superior on hazmat, and working on Wisconsin Emergency Management Association.

**Communications Center:** D. Sletten: still very low staffed in dispatch but many interviews, background checks and offers out. Working on a grant for equipment.

**Medical Examiner:** S. Keup: business as usual.

**Probate:** J. McMeekin: Deputy position offered but could possibly not work out.

**Sheriff - Patrol Division:** J. Moe: two vehicles currently being upfitted, fully staffed but are anticipating two resignations.

**Sheriff – Jail Division:** T. Edwards: staffing is better, down one with offers and background checks in progress.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: 2023 Requested Budgets:**

**Budget Proposals:**

**Child Support:** Increase in personnel and indirect costs, increase revenue to offset, tax levy staying the same at \$200,000.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve Child Support budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried

**Circuit Court Branch I:** Increase in personnel costs.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve Circuit Court Branch I budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Circuit Court Branch II:** Increase in personnel costs.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Fennessey, second Staupe, to approve Circuit Court Branch II budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Clerk of Courts:** Increase in personnel costs.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve Clerk of Courts budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Court Commissioner:** Increase in personnel costs.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve Court Commissioner budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**District Attorney:** Increase in personnel costs.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve District Attorney budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Emergency Management:** Increase in personnel costs, tower rentals increase.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve Emergency Management budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Communications Center:** Increase in personnel costs and office rental space at Highway Department, decrease in insurance.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve Communications Center budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Medical Examiner:** Large increase in personnel costs

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve Medical Examiner budget

as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Probate:** Slight decrease in personnel costs, due to open position, increase revenue of guardian expenses.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Staube, to approve Probate budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Sheriff – Patrol Division:** Increased personnel costs. All costs are rising, 4.51% increase of \$200,000.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve Sheriff - Patrol Division budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Sheriff – Jail Division:** Increase in many areas; decrease in training and mailing costs. Projection of \$990,000 from boarding of inmates from other jurisdictions.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve Sheriff - Jail Division budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Budgetary Transfers:** Included with agenda.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Out of county inmates agreements, feasibility of a new jail.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Fennessey, second Staube, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at p.m.

Submitted by,

Kendra Schmidt  
Committee Clerk